

NURSING HOMES IN WISCONSIN

At some point you may have to decide about long-term care for yourself, a family member or a friend. Many care options need to be evaluated, in terms of how the options can maximize your independence and preserve your financial resources.

The first step is to determine the kind of care or services you need. Community care providers enable individuals to remain in their homes or in other non-nursing home settings. However, when an individual can no longer live in the community, or requires short-term rehabilitative care, a decision must be made about providing the best alternative arrangements to meet the person's care needs.



*Finding the right kind of services in a desirable, nurturing atmosphere requires preparatory work to gather the many facts needed to help in the decision-making process. If you decide to seek nursing home care, this pamphlet (along with the Wisconsin produced pamphlets: **Nursing Home Visit Check List** and the **Know Your Rights as a Resident in a Nursing Home**) can help you choose the nursing home that best meets your needs. They also provide suggestions for evaluating the quality of services provided by a nursing home.*

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Wisconsin has more than 400 licensed nursing homes. They are owned by individuals, corporations, religious groups, and by city, county and state governments. All nursing homes must meet the same quality of care and quality of life standards for state licensing. Most nursing homes also choose to meet federal regulations so that they can serve people eligible for Medicare and Medicaid benefits.